



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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October 1, 2018

Mr. Tom Vanden Brook  
USA TODAY  
Pentagon Correspondent  
[tvbrook@usatoday.com](mailto:tvbrook@usatoday.com)

Dear Mr. Vanden Brook:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of September 28, 2018. You seek the type of discharge and Report of Investigation pertaining to LT Steven E. Hicks (Ret). Your request was received in this office on September 28, 2018, has been assigned FOIA request number NAVY-2018-011982 and FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180681 by this command.

The type of separation is contained in block 23 of a DD Form 214. A copy of the applicable DD Form 214 is enclosed. Although not responsive to your request, redacted portions of the released document are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of LT Hicks and other identified individuals.

The portion of your request seeking a Report of Investigation pertaining to LT Steven E. Hicks has been referred to the Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) for direct reply to you. This portion of your request has been assigned to NCIS under FOIA request number NAVY-2018-011983.

Should you consider the redacted information contained in the enclosed DD Form 214 to be responsive to your request, thus your request partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

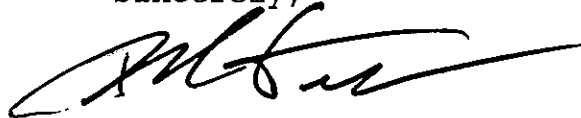
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I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request if you consider the redacted information responsive to your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165 or [david.german@navy.mil](mailto:david.german@navy.mil) or contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031.

You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to:

<https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. P. German', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D. P. GERMAN  
FOIA/PA Officer  
By direction

## CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

This Report Contains Information Subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) HICKS, STEVEN "E"		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH NAVY-USN		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (b)(6)	
4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK LT	b. PAY GRADE O3	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) (b)(6)	6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) NA		
7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY TRAVIS AFB, CA		b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) (b)(6) TX (b)(6)			
8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND MCAGCC TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA			b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED PERSUPP DET CAMP PENDLETON, CA		
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED COMMANDER, NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND (PERS-912), MILLINGTON, TN 38055			10. SGLI CO (b)(6) AMOUNT		
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) 3730: SUPERVISORY CHAPLAIN (4 YRS, 10 MOS); 3701: CHAPLAIN SELECTEE (7 YRS, 2 MOS); 3740: GROUP CHAPLAIN (3 YRS, 3 MOS).// X		12. RECORD OF SERVICE			
		a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD 1995 06 01			
		b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD 2013 05 01			
		c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD 18 11 01			
		d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE 02 01 15			
		e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE 00 02 27			
		f. FOREIGN SERVICE 02 08 07			
		g. SEA SERVICE 02 07 05			
		h. INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING 00 00 00			
		i. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE 2013 05 01			
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) NAVY COMMENDATION MDL (3), NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MDL, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD, NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION, NAVY MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MDL, ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MDL, GWOT EXPEDITIONARY MDL, GWOT SERVICE MDL, SEA SERVICE		14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) CHAPLAINS BASIC, 7WKS, AUG95; PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF F-SITE, 1WK, FEB1996; INTERMEDIATE OFFICER LEADERSHIP, 2WKS, JAN00; ADVANCED OFFICER LEADERSHIP, 2WKS, JAN03; PROFESSIONAL NAVAL CHAPLAINCY - INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COURSE, 3WKS, FEB03.//X X X X X			
15a. COMMISSIONED THROUGH SERVICE ACADEMY		YES		X NO	
b. COMMISSIONED THROUGH ROTC SCHOLARSHIP (10 USC Sec. 2107b)		YES		X NO	
c. ENLISTED UNDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (10 USC Chap. 109) (If yes, years of commitment: )		YES		X NO	
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID (b)(6)	17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION (b)(6)				
18. REMARKS BLK 13 CONT: DEPLOYMENT RIBBON (2), NAVY OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON, AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MDL, COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MDL, USCG PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, UPON RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE 13MAY01, MEMBER'S PAYGRADE IS LT. "SUBJECT TO ACTIVE DUTY RECALL BY SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER TO THE RETIRED LIST: 13MAY01." 43118-13-0203-LRB.// X X X X X X X X X X X X  The information contained here in is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and/or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program.					
19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include ZIP Code) (b)(6)			b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code) (b)(6)		
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO (Specify state/locality) (b)(6)			OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (b)(6)		
a. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 3 BE SENT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WASHINGTON, DC) (b)(6)					
21. MEMBER SIGNATURE (b)(6)		b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20130501		b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20130501	

## SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

23. TYPE OF SEPARATION RETIRED		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades) (b)(6)	
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY (b)(6)	26. SEPARATION CODE (b)(6)	27. REENTRY CODE (b)(6)	
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION (b)(6)			
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) (b)(6)		30. MEMBER (b)(6) COPY 4 (Initials)	